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 LACING SYSTEMS

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE**  
**AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256), Daniel J. Hulseberg (Reg. No. 36,554), and Stephan J. Filipek (Reg. No. 33,384) of WINSTON & STRAWN LLP (Customer No. 28765) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application is submitted herewith for recording and a copy is attached. The undersigned has reviewed this assignment and, to the best of her knowledge, title is in the assignee seeking to take action in this application and that she is empowered to act on its behalf.

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